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Joint Resolution

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To designate the months of May 1993 and May 1994 as "National Trauma Awareness Month".

Whereas more than 9,000,000 individuals in the United States suffer traumatic injury each year;
Whereas traumatic injury is the leading cause of death for individuals under 44 years of age in the United States;
Whereas every individual is a potential victim of traumatic injury;
Whereas traumatic injury often occurs without warning;
Whereas traumatic injury frequently renders its victims incapable of caring for themselves;
Whereas past inattention to the causes and effects of trauma has led to the inclusion of trauma among the most neglected medical conditions in the United States;
Whereas it is estimated that the people of the United States will spend more than \$175,000,000,000 this year on the problem of trauma;
Whereas trauma is preventable and increased efforts to prevent trauma would reduce or eliminate deaths and disability due to trauma;
Whereas the problem of trauma can be remedied only by prevention and treatment through emergency medical services and trauma systems; and
Whereas the people of the United States must be educated in the prevention and treatment of trauma and in the proper and effective use of emergency medical systems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 1993 and May 1994 are each designated as “National Trauma Awareness Month” and the President is authorized and directed to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe these months with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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